



## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Fish and Wildlife Service**

#### **50 CFR Part 17**

**[Docket No. FWS–R9–ES–2012–0013; FWS–R9–ES–2011–0101]**

**[4500030115]**

### **Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing Three Foreign Macaw Species**

**RIN 1018–AY38; RIN 1018–AY33**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; reopening of comment periods.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the reopening of the public comment period on two proposed rules: one to list the hyacinth macaw (*Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*), and one to list the military macaw (*Ara militaris*) and

great green macaw (*Ara ambiguus*) as endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). Both rules were published in the **Federal Register** on July 6, 2012. We are reopening the comment periods to allow all interested parties an opportunity to provide additional comments on these proposed rules and to submit information on the status of the species. Comments previously submitted need not be resubmitted, as they will be fully considered in preparation of the final rule.

**DATES:** We will accept comments received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. Comments submitted electronically using the Federal eRulemaking Portal (see **ADDRESSES** section, below) must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the closing date.

- **ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by one of the following methods: Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments to Docket No. FWS-R9-ES-2012-0013 for the hyacinth macaw, and to Docket No. FWS-R9-ES-2011-0101 for the military macaw and great green macaw.

- U.S. mail or hand-delivery: *For the hyacinth macaw:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R9-ES-2012-0013; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 222; Arlington, VA 22203. *For the military macaw and great green macaw:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R9-ES-2011-0101; Division of Policy and Directives

Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 222; Arlington, VA 22203.

We will not accept comments by e-mail or fax. We will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see **Public Comments** for more information).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janine Van Norman, Chief, Branch of Foreign Species, Endangered Species Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 420, Arlington, VA 22203; telephone 703-358-2171; facsimile 703-358-1735. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800-877-8339.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **Background**

On July 6, 2012, we published in the **Federal Register** a combined 12-month finding and proposed rule to list the hyacinth macaw (*Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*) (77 FR 39965), and a combined 12-month finding and proposed rule to list two macaw species, the military macaw (*Ara militaris*) and great green macaw (*Ara ambiguus*) (77 FR 40172), as endangered under the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). These proposals each had a 60-day comment period, ending September 4, 2012. We received no requests for a public hearing on either of these two proposals; therefore, no public hearings will be held. However, we received several requests from the public to extend the comment period on

these proposals. Therefore, we are reopening the comment periods on both of these proposed rules for an additional 60 days (see **DATES**).

## **Public Comments**

We will accept written comments and information concerning these proposed rules during this reopened comment period. We will consider information and recommendations from all interested parties. We intend that any final action resulting from these proposals be as accurate as possible and based on the best available scientific and commercial data. For more information on the specific information we are seeking, please see the July 6, 2012, proposed listing rules (77 FR 39965; 77 FR 40172). If you previously submitted comments or information on the proposed rule, please do not resubmit them. We have incorporated them into the public record, and we will fully consider them in the preparation of our final determinations. Our final determinations concerning these proposed listings will take into consideration all written comments and any additional information we receive. You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. We will not accept comments sent by e-mail or fax or to an address not listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. If you submit a comment via <http://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However,

we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will post all hardcopy comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Comments and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation we used in preparing the proposed rule, will be available for public inspection on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS–R9–ES–2012–0013 for the hyacinth macaw, and at Docket No. FWS–R9–ES–2011–0101 for the military macaw and great green macaw, or by appointment, during normal business hours, at the Branch of Foreign Species (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). You may obtain copies of the proposed rules on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS–R9–ES–2012–0013 for the hyacinth macaw, and at Docket No. FWS–R9–ES–2011–0101 for the military macaw and great green macaw, or by mail from the Branch of Foreign Species (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

### **Authority**

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: February 11, 2013

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